

18 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Copyright Problems with Where's What

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Legislative Counsel,  
dated 14 November 1975, Same Subject  
(OLC 75-2934; OS 5 9474)

25X1A9A 1. During my meeting with [REDACTED] concerning 25X1A9A  
his book Where's What on 18 August 1975, I specifically  
raised the question of whether any copyright problems  
existed with reference to the contents of the book. Mr.  
[REDACTED] advised me at that time that with one exception  
he had requested and obtained from the appropriate indi-  
viduals releases for any of the quoted materials in the  
book. The single exception was a portion of a speech  
given by an executive of the Medical Information Bureau.  
This exception is quoted on pages 130-133 of Where's What.  
25X1A9A Release for quoting from this speech was not obtained  
by [REDACTED] because the speech itself was not copyrighted.

25X1A9A 2. Following receipt of reference, I telephonically  
recontacted [REDACTED] to confirm the information he had  
25X1A9A previously given. Telephonically, on 18 November 1975,  
[REDACTED] reiterated what he had told me earlier. Further,  
he expressed doubt as to whether he had kept copies of the  
releases he had obtained, but indicated that he would  
search through papers he has at home relating to the  
preparation of the book.

3. In my 18 November conversation, I told [REDACTED] 25X1A9A  
that we had declassified the book after receiving several  
Freedom of Information and other requests. I also indicated  
that we were putting a copy of the book in the Library of  
Congress. He seemed somewhat surprised at this action,  
since very early in the game two copies of the book were  
given to the Library of Congress which was holding the  
copies in a special classified section of the library.  
The earlier arrangements for getting the copies into the  
Library of Congress were handled through [REDACTED], 25X1A9A  
at that time the Security Officer of the library.

[REDACTED] 25X1A9A

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